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Testimony in Support of Proposed H.B. 5160, An Act Concerning Results-Based Accountability Before the Select Committee on Children

This bill is essentially the same as legislation recommended this session by Program Review & Investigations Committee, which I co-chair with Sen. John Kissel. PRI raised a bill following the report of our research staff that recommended how the state could use results-based accountability (RBA) to create data-driven best practices in child protection.

We believe this approach will produce better results in an increasingly difficult budget, and that children will benefit by a more scientific approach to child protection services. Contractors will be able to easily learn RBA and improve their results. Public funding of these services demands we continue to pursue the best results, while constantly searching for better ways to protect children.

We commend the co-chairs, Rep. Urban and Sen. Musto, for championing this legislation.